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**Date:** 03/20/2015  
**Time:** 02:00 PM  
**Location:** 309  
**Committee:** House Education

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Kathryn S. Matayoshi, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** HCR 127 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO CONSIDER INCLUDING A BASE AMOUNT IN THE WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMULA TO COVER PHYSICAL PLANT OPERATIONS.

**Purpose of  
Resolution:**

**Department's Position:**

The Department of Education offers the following comments on HCR 127.

Section 302A-1303.5, HRS establishes the Committee on Weights (Committee) and requires that the Committee meet no less than every odd-numbered year to review the weighted student formula. If the Committee deems it necessary, it may recommend a new weighted student formula for adoption by the Board of Education. The Committee is made up of a broad cross section (by geographic location, school size, and school type) of the school community and includes principals, teachers, classified staff, a community member, and is chaired by a complex area superintendent. The Committee encourages input on the weighted student formula, and each of its public meetings includes an opportunity to receive public testimony.

The Committee on Weights IX held its first meeting on March 6, 2015. Several sub-committees were formed to, over the next three months, evaluate various programs for possible inclusion into the funds that are distributed by the weighted student formula. The next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 8, 2015. If this resolution is adopted, copies of HCR 127 would be shared with not only the Chairperson of the Board, Superintendent, and the Chairperson of the Committee on Weights, but also the full Committee on Weights at the next meeting.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify on this measure.

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Testimony for EDN on Mar 20, 2015 14:00PM in Conference Room 309

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Amber Corrales	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I teach in a rural school. We have seen our staff, facilities, and therefore enrollment numbers decimated. Our teachers are doing multiple jobs. Example, our registrar has served as registrar, Curriculum Coordinator, AVID Coordinator, Title 1 Coordinator, School Services Coordinator, Student Activity Coordinator, and Librarian, while teaching 1/2 time. It is insane and the quality of our programs has suffered greatly. Although our class size appears low (12:1) 6 of our teachers do not have a responsibility to teach students (have them on their rosters) because they are either inclusion special ed. teachers or doing other jobs so classes 20-24 to 1. Schools need to have a registrar, an SSC, a Vice Principal (size shouldn't matter), a counselor, and a Curriculum Coordinator. This should not cut into teaching staff numbers. This WSF is insane. Little schools still have the same needs. Please stop burning us out!!! WSF has failed. By the way, why aren't School Based Behavioral Health Specialists under WSF? Why are they under DOH? Principals have no control or say with how they are used in the school. That, too, is insane! Little schools have the same needs as large. Our facilities are in terrible shape and we were told when we became a middle school and separated from our high-school so we could provide the middle school model, that we get nothing. Why? Mahalo for your consideration.